



Press On to the Goal Philippians 3:14

# Alumni NEWS

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Break Records!**

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**Fall 2017**

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# From the Principal



Our students and their families continue to impress with their great work ethic, servant attitude, and respectful manners. I'm also impressed by the genuine interest our alumni and community take in sustaining St. Anthony High School into the future. We all know it can sometimes be a great challenge, but certainly one that is worth taking on.

We are currently experiencing a challenging situation with regard to our high school leadership. As most of you are aware, Fr. Chris Brey has chosen to leave the priesthood, and therefore, step down as our Pastor and Superintendent. During this time, please continue to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to keep God as our center in our daily work and decisions. St. Anthony parishioners and the School Sisters of Notre Dame followed the call of Our Lord to open a Catholic high school in 1874, and St. Anthony High School has helped countless students excel in their own calling in life. Throughout the years, God has provided great people to lead our parish and schools. Please pray for our next pastor, our priests, our faculty, and our high school students; that we may continue to be great examples of faith to all we encounter.

Finally, I want to thank you so much for supporting St. Anthony High School. Through the talents you provide by volunteering at school, attending our events, giving financially to our Annual Fund and in other ways, you keep us engaged and "pressing on" to continual improvement.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.** - Proverbs 3:5

Sincerely in Christ,  
**Greg Fearday,**  
Principal

## Calendar of Events



**Meet the Bulldogs**



**Turkey Tourney Begins**



**Homecoming Game vs. Beecher City**



**St. Anthony Shootout**



**Catholic Schools Week**



**Grade School Open House**



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# Cover Story

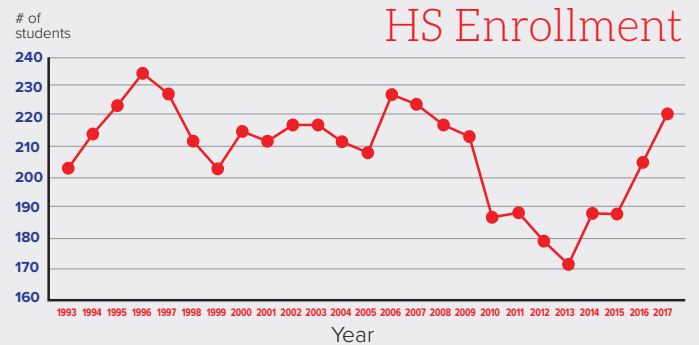
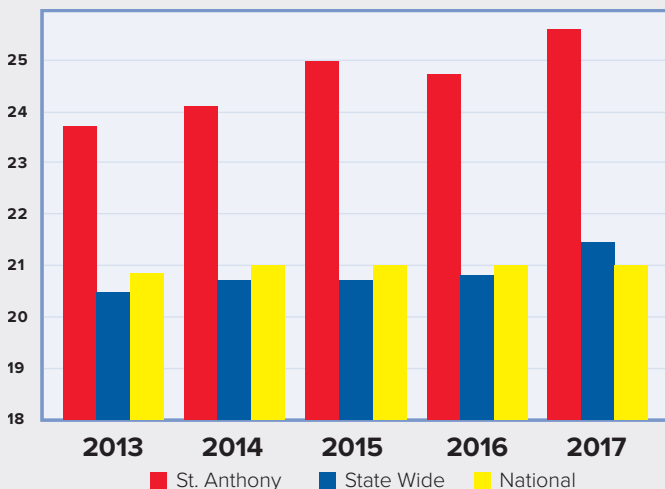
# SAHS Continues to Break Records!

## High School Enrollment Continues To Grow

#Blessed. How else can we say it? We are truly blessed to be experiencing the highest enrollment numbers at St. Anthony High School in the past ten years! Enrollment is 220 students for the 2017-2018 school year. The highest enrollment in the previous 25 years was 234 students in the 1996-1997 school year.

What is driving our increasing enrollment? Based on conversations with both students and parents, we are proud to say offering both a faith-based education and a rigorous academic program top the list. It is our hope when you enter the school you will notice an obvious focus to create a fun, respectful and academically challenging atmosphere. The dedication of the high school teachers and leadership team to support this kind of environment is incredible.

## Average ACT Composite Scores



## Record ACT Scores

Our recent May 2017 graduates now hold the honor of recording the highest ACT scores in St. Anthony High School history! With an average composite score of 25.4, these scores broke the record of 24.9 recently set by the 2015 graduating class. Congratulations! This achievement validates the importance placed on the academic rigor of our curriculum.

It is exciting to see enrollment increasing and academic achievements earned. However, there is one thing that isn't demonstrated with numbers and charts and graphs: the increased faith of our students and teachers.

Thank you to the priests, teachers and parents who all work together for the spiritual development of our students. You have all inspired many of our students to attend additional masses on their own, receive confession before weekend masses, and minister their faith by volunteering in so many ways beyond the classroom. For this, we are truly #blessed.

**Help us spread the joy of our Catholic faith and the success of our high school!**

# Giving Back



*Pressing on to the Goal of service to the LORD by stretching our intellect, confirming our values, and living our faith. - Phillipians 3:14*

## Trick-or-Treat For Hunger

Trick-or-Treat for Hunger is a food drive coordinated by the St. Anthony High School Student Council. On October 26nd, Student Council members picked up canned and non-perishable foods placed in grocery bags on lit porches of homes throughout Effingham and delivered to the Catholic Charities food pantry.

## Community Services Blood Drive

St. Anthony High School students recruited parents, friends and family to join them in donating blood at the Community Services Blood Drive on September 26, in the St. Anthony High School MPR. The blood drive was sponsored by Student Council. Thank you to all who donated!



# Academic Excellence

## Industrial Arts Award

Brandon Runge was selected to represent St. Anthony High School for being at the top of his Industrial Arts class. The award is sponsored by DMI Property Improvement Services and Duane Martin. Brandon will now be entered into a drawing

of all monthly county winners for a \$500 scholarship toward trade studies from the Martin Family Foundation. Congratulations, Brandon!

## National Merit Scholar

Maryann Saba has been named a Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. She was presented a Letter of Commendation from SAHS & NMSC (National Merit Scholarship Corporation), which conducts the program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for this exceptional academic promise.







# Fall Sports Scoreboard



## Cross Country

Both the boys & girls cross country teams won 4th place at regionals at Mid America. Congratulations to junior Sara Carr on her first place finish and qualifying for state at sectionals! Senior members on the team are Augie Heal, Clayton Helmink, Jack Nuxoll, Will Willenborg, Avery Elder, Kendall Fonner, Madison McWhorter, and Maddi Tegeler.



## Girls Golf

The girls golf team, coached by Emily Konrad, finished their season 10-2, with 1st place finishes at the Tuscola Invite, Teutopolis Invite, Champaign Invite, Alton Marquette Blastoff, Richland County Invite, Windsor Invite, and the St. Anthony Invite.

They placed 2nd at St. Thomas More Invite and Charleston 9 hole scramble. They won their regional tournament at Effingham Country Club and finished 3rd at sectionals at Spencer T. Olin in Alton.

The girls golf team advanced to the state tournament for the second year in a row and placed 5th out of 12 teams.



## Boys Golf

The boys golf Team, coached by Phil Zaccari, had another successful season. The Varsity team went 6-1 in match play and routinely placed in the top half of the invitationals, competing against mainly 2A and 3A schools.

The JV Team went 12-4 in matches competing mostly against other schools' varsity squads. The tough varsity schedule helped prepare them for an awesome post season run, placing 2nd at the Mt Carmel Regional, with junior Luke Ludwig claiming individual medalist honors. This qualified them for their 23rd consecutive sectional appearance.

The team placed 3rd at the Governor's Run Sectional, which qualified them for the IHSA State Finals, where they competed well, finishing 9th overall. The team graduates one senior, Ethan Rozene. His quiet leadership and team first attitude will be greatly missed.



## Volleyball

Coach Cathy Wenthe's volleyball team went 14-18 and went 2-2 in the NTC tournament with Marci Mills and Abby Stock being named to the All-Tournament Team. Marci Mills and Meg Richards made first team All-Conference!

They went on to beat South Central in regional play, but fell to the top seeded Windsor Stew-Stras in the championship match. Good luck to senior Marci Mills!



## Baseball

Pitching, defense, and power led the way to a fruitful 21-4 fall baseball season for the Bulldogs, coached by Kenny Koenig. Led by Adam Levitt, Colin Koester, and Dylan Guy on the mound, the team posted a 2.19 ERA with only 2.88 runs per game allowed. The offensive power was led by Blake Niebrugge, Greg Utz, and Joe Kabbes, an astounding 229 runs over 25 games, including 19 homeruns with a .337 team batting average.

Season highlights included a 4-1 season opening win over Teutopolis, regular season NTC Champions, and a 4th consecutive NTC Tournament title, an incredibly rare feat by any NTC team in the NTC's storied history.

NTC All Conference team: Adam Levitt, Greg Utz, and Austin Kline. Adam Levitt was conference MVP. Congratulations Seniors, Jacob Guy, Joseph Kabbes, Austin Kline, Adam Levitt, and Greg Utz.



## Soccer

The soccer team finished the year 12-9-1, with six of the losses being by a single goal. The team was in every match, thanks to their desire and hustle. They beat three of their biggest rivals (Effingham, Teutopolis, and Altamont) handily, and gave state ranked Newton a run for their money, falling by a score of 1-0 on a late goal. St. Anthony won the regional championship against Teutopolis, but fell to Beardstown 2-1 in sectionals.

Good luck to Seniors: Alex Beesley, Jake Brandt, Alex Deters, Nick Goeckner, Christopher Heuerman, Derek Kruger, Wyatt Lawrence, Nick Martelli, Jack Nuxoll, and Jacob Zimmerman. Great season, Bulldog booters!!



## Girls Tennis

The girls tennis team, coached by Darlene Esker, Megan Lustig, and Rachel Mossman, completed its regular season with a record of 13-0. Tournament play highlights included finishing 1st place in the St. Anthony Invitational, 3rd place at Sacred Heart Griffin, 3rd at the Charger Doubles, and 3rd at the Bloomington Purple Gold Invite. After winning their sectional championship, the team earned 6th in state competition.

Congratulations to Emilee Mossman in Top 12 Singles & Claire Wortman & Allison Kowalke, 8th in doubles at state. Seniors are Megan Hodge, Makenzie Koenig, Madison McWhorter, Maryann Saba, and Claire Wortman.

## 2017-2018 Sports Program is here!

The program features all Grade School and High School sports schedules, in addition to Booster Club membership forms. Pickup your copy at the SAHS office.



# Reunion News



## Class of 1967

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The SAHS Class of 1967 celebrated their 50 year reunion on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at the Effingham Event Center.

Those attending were: Row 1: Phil Flach, Ron Goeckner, Mary Kay (Luchtefeld) Nadler, Peg (Henkelman) Mhlbachler, Shirley (Kaufman) Richardson, Margie (Hoffman) Panice, Judy (Wilkins) Luchtefeld, Phil Luchtefeld, Ralph Bloemer. Row 2: Mary (Hoene) Flach, Cheryl Stock, Pat (Pruemer) Hartmann, Sr. Michele Emmerich, Carol Seiler, Kathy (Boos) Fearday, Mary Lynn (Unkraut) Byers, Bev (Kinkelaar) Rentfrow, Marie (Caldwell) Bloemer, Carolyn (Bierman) Flach, Danny Stephens. Row 3: Donna (Foley) Muno, Phil Hemrich, Sr. Connie Schmidt, Rita (Sur) Devore, Bill Petzing, Toni (Long) Forrester, Maggie (Wiedman) Bushue, Vic Hardiek, Linda (Kreke) Roley, Sue (Stephens) Pike, Jack West, Larry Althoff, Dennis Sehy, Deacon Eugene Uptmor, Bill Flach, Dale Jones, Jerry Pike. Row 4: Dennis Milbachler, Mike Roepke, Dan Overbeck, Mike Dirks, Pat Dirks, Paul Flach, Mark Goeckner.



## Class of 1977

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The SAHS Class of 1977 celebrated their 40 year reunion on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at the Elks Lodge in Effingham.

Those attending were: Front Row: Kim (Fuesting) Sawyer, Cathy (Dietzen) August, Donna (Hendrichs) Niemann, Cathy (Ludwig) Lucks, Debbie (Bushur) Willenborg, Sharon (Goldstein) Vogel, Linda (Luchtefeld) Heynen, Kathy (Sur) Powell, Tammy (Koester) Parks. Middle Row: Penny (Kinkelaar) Meyer, Sue (Esker) Francis, Cathy (Hawickhorst) Bierman, Sue (Martin) Cornell, Kay (Rickleman) Webster, Jayne (Hoelscher) Goldstein, Doug Bushur. Back Row: Mark Koester, Jeff Mhlbachler, Teresa (Nosbisch) Bergbower, Al Wassmer, Kris (Morrison) Wassmer, Tim Wentte, Jan (Grunloh) Nuxoll, Chris Huelsing, Jerry Hoffman, Greg Koester, Tim Koester, Ron Wilenborg, Jeff Weis, Jim Roepke.



## Class of 1997

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The SAHS Class of 1997 celebrated their 20 year reunion on Saturday, August 12, 2017, during the St. Anthony Parish Picnic at St. Anthony High School.

Those attending were: Front Row: Jamie Schwerman Antisdell, Celia Rohr Luett, Erin O'Neal Maskel, Connie Henderson Horn. Second Row: Sarah Vogt Geen, Lynette Moon Petre, Libby Griesbaum Moeller, Jen Kenter Frisbie, Jessica Childress Cameron, Angie Dust Bierman. Third Row: Sandy Niebrugge Flach, Jennie Brumleve Weber, Natalie Kortte Bailey, Kristie Henkleman Bailey, Liz Lewis Bennett, Nathaniel Niemerg, Ryan Mitchell, Craig Bilbrey, Brad Siemer. Fourth Row: Alex Tays, Sara Bloemer Thoele, Jeff McDevitt, Eric Bierman.

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DATE**

The **Class of 1978** is planning their 40th class reunion on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Village Wine Shop. More information will be sent to classmates in the coming months. Please forward your email addresses or mailing addresses, and any questions you may have to Peggy Valenti at 217-821-5484 or [peggyv@koernerdistributor.com](mailto:peggyv@koernerdistributor.com).



# Alumni Updates

## In Memoriam

**Wilbert Kinkelaar ('53)** passed away June 11, 2017.

**Barbara (Schultz) Whitman ('70)** passed away June 26, 2017.

**Anna Mae (Nacke) Martens ('56)** passed away July 15, 2017.

**Dirk A. Baker ('83)** passed away July 18, 2017.

**Adele P. (Sims) Vonderhide ('59)** passed away August 23, 2017.

**Robert J. "Bob" Lustig ('69)** passed away September 2, 2017.

**Michael Poterucha ('74)** passed away October 6, 2017.

**Father Theodore Bracco, OFM** passed away August 8, 2017 at the age of 79. Fr. Bracco was ordained to the Franciscan priesthood at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis, IL, on January 9, 1966. Fr. Bracco taught Theology at St. Anthony High School from 1996 to 2012.

# SAVE THE DATE



## 2018 St. Anthony Spring Gala

*featuring your 2017 Hall of Fame Inductions*

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

**Thelma Keller Convention Center**

Join us for dinner and cocktails to celebrate those individuals who have made a real difference in the lives they encountered during their time at St. Anthony.

More info will be posted at:

[stanthony.com/high-school/alumni/hall-of-fame](http://stanthony.com/high-school/alumni/hall-of-fame)



## Movers & Shakers

**Maria Rhodes ('06)** graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts/Mass Communications. In May 2017, she graduated with a Master's degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Film Studies from The Graduate Center City University of New York.

## Annual Fund Report

Thank you for your overwhelming responses to our 2016-2017 Annual Fund! We set a goal of raising \$225,000 in gifts to the schools. We greatly exceeded our goal with a final total of **\$287,836!** Thank you to each of our donors and for your generous gifts this past year.

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to make a difference  
**tomorrow?**

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**Our Goal:**  
**\$280,000**



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